

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 791

By Ford

A RESOLUTION to recognize Matthew Allen Spence on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young men with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Matthew Allen Spence, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the son of Mike and Julie Spence and grandson of Bill and Ruby Coalson and J.T. and Virginia Taylor, Matthew is a junior at Central High School in Kingsport, where he has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 284 includes numerous Merit Badges and distinguished service to his community in several capacities; and

WHEREAS, Matthew's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle project, Matthew renovated the basement apartment at Hope House, which is used as a shelter for unwed expectant mothers; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Matthew Spence as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Matthew Allen Spence on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.